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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I see a Naturopath first for any of my medical issues. He has, on occasion, advised me to go on antibiotics and I would then have to see another doctor. It would save me time and my Insurance \$\$\$ if my Naturopath was able to prescribe the antibiotics instead of having to send me elsewhere.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Christina Gazsi